

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**
Friday, March 3, 2017 • 4:00 pm • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Dean Sanpei, House Chair
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe

Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Speaker Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. John Knotwell
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent:

Rep. Brian S. King

Staff Present:

Mr. Jonathan Ball, Director
Mr. Steven M. Allred, Deputy Director
Ms. Greta G. Rodebush, Administrative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Chair Sanpei called the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2017 and February 2, 2017.

The motion passed with a vote of 17-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. P. Knudson
Rep. B. Last
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Sanpei
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. B. King
Sen. K. Mayne

2. Adoption of FY 2017 and FY 2018 Revenue Estimates

[2-Revenue Estimates - February 2017](#)

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to adopt February 2017 revenue estimates as shown on the blue sheet entitled, "Revenue Estimates - February 2017 (in Thousands of Dollars)" and dated today, March 3, 2017.

The motion passed with a vote of 17-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. P. Knudson
Rep. B. Last
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Sanpei
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. B. King
Sen. K. Mayne

3. FY 2017 and FY 2018 Budget Actions

[3a-Consolidated Motions for Executive Appropriations Committee, March 3, 2017](#)

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the motions for appropriations subcommittees' fees, intent language, and budgets as shown in the yellow packet entitled "Consolidated Motions for Executive Appropriations Committee" and dated today, March 3, 2017.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adopt the underlying motion and add the following intent language:

The Legislature intends that the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) authorize TANF for three years up to \$232,712 per year to be used for Out of Wedlock Pregnancy Prevention. This TANF funding is dependent upon availability of TANF funding and expenditures meeting the necessary requirements to qualify for the federal TANF program.

The Legislature intends that up to \$750,000 in excess one-time TANF funds be used for Sexual Violence Prevention and Medical Care for Victims. The Legislature further intends that the Department of Workforce Services report the outcome of these TANF funding initiatives to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than September 1, 2017.

The Legislature intends that the Department of Health report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by October 1, 2017 on access to care for Medicaid clients served under dental managed care contracts. At a minimum the report shall address: (1) how utilization of services under managed care arrangements has compared to utilization under fee for service arrangements in the same counties prior to implementation of managed care, (2) what current contractual obligations exist regarding access to care for Medicaid clients, (3) what changes could be made to improve client access to care under dental managed care, and (4) recommendations for any statutory changes that would improve Medicaid member access to dental care.

Sen. Davis explained that both TANF programs have been funded and authorized under TANF in the past and that the intent language allows for the continuation of those programs.

Sen. Escamilla spoke to the intent language requiring the Department of Health to report back to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on access to care for Medicaid clients served under dental managed care contracts.

Rep. Briscoe asked clarifying questions about the intent language for Infrastructure and General Government on page 8 of the yellow packet, which addresses the funding of capital development projects. Mr. Ball responded.

Rep. Briscoe inquired about a deletion and the insertions in the intent language for Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality, on page 9 of the yellow packet. Mr. Allred responded.

The substitute motion passed with a vote of 18-0-2.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Sanpei
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. B. Wilson

[3b-Additional One-time and Ongoing Budget Sources, 2017 GS](#)

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the additional sources of finance listed on the green sheet entitled, "Additional One-time and Ongoing Budget Sources, 2017 General Session" and dated today, March 3, 2017.

Sen. Escamilla discussed the need to provide a shelter for homeless individuals who are terminally ill and in need of hospice care. She pointed out that the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee had prioritized this funding request during its budget review. Sen. Escamilla asked for the committee's support.

The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-2.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Sanpei
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. B. Wilson

Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson

[3c-Approved Funding Items, 2017 GS](#)

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the budget changes as shown in the orange packet entitled, "Approved Funding Items - Executive Appropriations Committee" and dated today, March 3, 2017.

The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-2.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Sanpei
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. B. Wilson

Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to authorize legislative staff to draft the following bills:

- House Bill 2, Public Education Budget Amendments;
- House Bill 3, Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations;
- Senate Bill 2, New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act; and
- Senate Bill 4, Current School Year Supplemental Public Education Budget Adjustments.

as Executive Appropriations Committee bills.

The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-4.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. D. Sanpei
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. B. Wilson

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to authorize legislative staff to prepare a substitute to House Bill 8, State Agency and Higher Education Compensation Appropriations, and include in this bill funding for a 2% labor market adjustment for state executive branch and higher education employees, funding equivalent to a 2% labor market adjustment for discretionary increases in the legislative and judicial branches and constitutional offices, funding for an 8% rate increase for health insurance benefits, other compensation related changes approved in the orange packet, retirement rate changes for certain state employees as recommended by URS, and adjustments to termination pools as recommended by the Board of Trustees of the State Post-Retirement Benefits Trust. In consultation with the co-chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee, the Legislative Fiscal Analyst may make any technical changes necessary, including balancing between funds and fiscal years in order to balance the overall budget.

Rep. Briscoe asked clarifying questions related to a labor market adjustment for state employees. Mr. Ball responded.

The motion passed with a vote of 17-0-3.

Yeas:

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson
Rep. B. Wilson

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. D. Sanpei
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

4. Other Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with a vote of 17-0-3.

Yeas:

Nays:

Abs:

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
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Chair Sanpei adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.